sophisticated arms and other devises by fundamentalist organizations as published in Guwahati edition of "Asomiya Pratidin" on 11th July, 2002 captioned "Matta Malfar Hatot Sho Sho Atyadhunik Maranasta";

(b) the list of such fundamentalist organizations the details of possession of arms, explosives and other devices, infrastructure, manpower including expert hands, strategy and foreign links; and

(c) the action taken by Government to control outfit-wise persons apprehended so far during each of last five years in the North-Eastern Region till October, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Reservation of SCs/STs in employment in Autonomous Bodies

1568. MISS MABLE REBELLOW: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservations for Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes in employment are applicable to autonomous bodies set up under an Act of Parliament;

(b) if so, any relaxation in this regard was given to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India; and

(c) if not, what action is being taken against the executive head of the office of the institute for violation of benefits provided in the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The informaiton is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Judicial Stamp Paper Racket

1569. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a nation-wide judicial stamp paper racket has been unearthed recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the calculated revenue loss to the exchequer; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent such illegal activities in the future alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In June 2002, Pune Police seized fake judicial and non-judicial stamp papers with a face value of more than Rs. 2,028 crore in a series of raids in Pune, Mumbai and Thane. Other materials, such as fake court stamps, fake revenue stamps, fake share transfer stamps, fake insurance stamps, printing machinery, stationery, computers, cash and a car were also recovered. A case has been registered in PS Bundgarden, Pune, Nearly a dozen persons have been arrested. In the second case, Delhi Police seized on May 7, 2002 fake non-judicial stamp papers with a face value of Rs. six lakhs besides fake Indian Nepalese and US currencies in different stages of 'manufacture'. Five perosns were arrested. In another case of recovery of fake stamps papers, Chandigarh Police intercepted on July 28, 2002, a Tata Safari vehicle with fake share transfer stamps, insurance stamps, postage stamps, revenue stamps, etc. of the face value of more than Rs. 2.30 crores. Four persons were apprehended in this case. A criminal case No. 549/2000 was registered on 19.08.2002 in PS Uppar Pet, Bangalore city following exposure of criculation of fake stamp papers in Karnataka. The Gvoernment of Karnataka has intimated that a special investigation team headed by a senior police officer of the rank of Additional Director General of Police has already been constituted to investigate the case. The Government of Maharashtra has reported that various measures have been taken to address the problem. These include alerting the field officers about the use of counterfeit stamps, issuing general instructions regarding features for identifying counterfeit stamps, circulating list of suspicious stamp vendors to the Sub-Registrar Offices and undertaking thorough and details scrutiny of the documents registered in the last two years.

Shivani Bhatnagar Murder Case

1570. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been able to unravel the mystery of